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LB 187, 1126

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the veto on LB 187 be overridden? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman, if I could, why don't we just check in...

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...and have a roll call vote in regular order?

PRESIDENT: Okay. Please record your presence. Senator Scofield, please. Thank you. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please. Senator Conway, Senator Schmit. We're waiting for Senator Schmit. Roll call vote has been requested and the question is, shall the veto on LB 187 be overridden? All in favor vote aye and opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, roll call.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 2042 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. LB 1126, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move that LB 1126 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, and members, LB 1126 deals with Medicaid personal care aides. These individuals care for the disabled in their home and provide assistance so that they can live independent and healthy lifestyles. These individuals are physically handicapped, by and large, and have the need of assistance to get out of bed, get their clothes on, to bathe themselves, to eat. Personal hygiene, grooming, other types of things, just everyday types of needs that we all take for granted these individuals cannot perform and so personal care aides come in to assist them. This legislation was a part of a study of a task force shared by Senator Lynch on caregiving that resulted in a number of recommendations and the bill was introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee and referenced to the Appropriations Committee. The original bill called for about a million and a half dollars in expenditures to provide for a number of different improvements and reimbursement in a similar area that caregiving has a great need of.